Fish and Wildlife Components of Alternatives - continued

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Habitat Components (Cont'd)

Upland (riparian and desert woodland, and non-agricultural upland)

wildlife uses:

- foraging and nesting for song birds, game birds, and raptors
- foraging and nesting for wood storks and wading birds



Habitat Components (Cont'd)

Agricultural lands

wildlife uses:

- foraging and nesting for burrowing owls, song birds and game birds
- foraging for mountain plover
- foraging for wading birds (ibis, curlew, crane) and gulls



Engineering Options that result in Habitat Controls

- Controllable features of alternatives
 - ***Water surface elevation**
 - **#**Salinity
 - **#Other water quality constituents**
- All parameters are not independent
 - #Water surface, surface area, depth and salinity can be related

Alternative-Dependent and Independent Habitats

Independent

- **#Upland**
- ****Agricultural Lands**
- ****Managed Freshwater Marsh**

Dependent

- **#Open Water**
- **Shoreline**
- **#Salt Marsh**
- **#Shallow** water

Key Water Quality Considerations

- Salinity
- Selenium
- Dissolved Oxygen
- Metals
- Other constituents

Summary

- Fish and wildlife objectives consistent with legislative and policy direction
- Requires change from a dynamic, non-cyclical to a more stable ecosystem
- Abundance based on carrying capacity of future habitats
- Determined key habitats and functions
- Not all habitats dependent on infrastructure options
- Some characteristics are independently controllable.... while some are not